

Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) 04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Black Hills National Forest

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Project Name	Proje	ct Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Implementation	Project Contact	
Projects Occurring Nationwide							
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fe d.us	
	Description:		nt of Agriculture proposes revision operations on National Forest Systellate 2020				
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
	Location:	regulations apply to	level Units. STATE - All States. Co all NFS lands open to mineral ent sda.gov/science-technology/geolog	ry under the US minin	ig laws. More Infor	mation is available	
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations Orders	, Directives,	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 04/2023	Expected:04/2023	05/2023	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.go v	
G. 5/1.25	Description:	Programmatic Supp Land.	plemental EIS for the Nationwide A	erial Application of Fir	e Retardant on Na	tional Forest System	
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location:		level Units. STATE - All States. C S will apply to use of aerially delive			•	

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)							
Powerline Authorization for Black Hills Power Corporation	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2022	Expected:04/2023	04/2023	Robena Downie 307-358-4690		
CE *UPDATED*					Robena.Downie@usda. gov		
OPDATED	Tekla-Osage-Ra	orization for existing 230-kV and 69-k bid City lines. a.gov/project/?project=61935	V electrical powerline	s, including Wyoda	k-Hot Springs and		
		on Ranger District, Douglas Ranger I yoming. COUNTY - Custer, Fall Riv ack Hills NF.					

Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region								
RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Minerals a	a management nd Geology ership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 louie.conroy@usda.gov		
	 Description: Proposed withdrawal of research natural areas and botanical areas from mineral entry. Necessary part of RNA designation process. Forest Service recommendation to BLM, who makes the decision. Project not subject to to objection process. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590 Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This proposal addresses four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas totaling about 17,000 acres at various locations in South Dakota and Wyoming. 							
Rushmore Connector Trail Project EIS		management e management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 louie.conroy@usda.gov		
	Description:	Description: The State of South Dakota has applied for a permit to construct, operate and maintain a 14-mile non-motorized trail across the Forest connecting the Mickelson Trail to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. The decision would amend Forest Plan direction.						
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935							
	Location:		lational Forest All Units. STATE - S I would connect the existing Mickel II.					

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Spruce Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Jeffrey Underhill 605-673-9200 jeffrey.underhill@usda.g ov
	Web Link: lands with the object http://www.fs.usda.guera.gue	et to treat white spruce (Picea glaud tive of increasing overall forest resi gov/project/?project=61599 lational Forest All Units. STATE - S . LEGAL - Not Applicable. Black H	iliency and reducing u	ındesirable fire beh	avior.

Black Hills National Forest E	Bearlodge Ranger District (exclud	arlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					
Black Buttes Fuel Reduction CE	Forest productsVegetation management (other than forest products)Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov		
	Description: Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, including removal of commercial material. Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 50 N., R. 62 W., 6th P.M. South of Sundance, Wyoming.						
Stone Hazardous Fuel Reduction CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2023	Expected:05/2023	07/2023	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 x3473 elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov		
NEW LISTING	Description: Thinning of ponderosa pine adjacent to non-Forest Service ownership to reduce fire hazard Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T55N R63W 6th PM. North end of Bear Lodge Mountains, Crook County, Wyoming.						

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Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (exc	uding Projects occurring in more	than one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region	
Lithograph Land Exchange	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Meagan Buehler 605-673-9345 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us	
	Description: Land Adjustment					
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyo Applicable. South	on Ranger District. STATE - South Dern Hills.	Dakota. COUNTY - C	custer, Fall River.	LEGAL - Not	
Newark Exploratory Drilling Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/08/2023	Expected:05/2023	05/2023	Jonathan Manning 605-673-9301 Jonathan.Manning2@u sda.gov	
NEW Elevine	and on less than	finneapolis, MN USA proposing an estacres of National Forest System lata.gov/project/?project=63527		ject to be complete	ed within one year	
	South Dakota, in	on Ranger District. STATE - South Descrions 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, T.03 S., r County, South Dakota.				
RT Communications Fiber Optic Installation CE	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 11/23/2022	11/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.g ov	
	Description: Installation of fiber optic telecommunications cable across NFS land in Custer County, SD. Approximately four miles of total length across NFS land.					
		on Ranger District. STATE - South D ONS 9, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 27, 28, &			• •	

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Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (exclu	iding Projects occurring in more	than one District)	R2 - F	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region		
Southern Black Hills Water System Supplemental EA EA *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/10/2023	02/2023	Wendy Schuyler 605-673-9361 wendy.schuyler@usda. gov		
OFDATED	documented in the through the existing web Link: http://www.fs.usda. Location: UNIT - Hell Canyor	osing to modify the original decision Decision Notice signed in 2012. The g pipeline. gov/project/?project=32281 n Ranger District. STATE - South D R5E, Sec 19, 20, 29. Southern Bla	e proposed action wo	ould allow for increa	ased waterflow		
Virginia Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-9199 ghaag@fs.fed.us		
	Description: Pacer Corporation the operator of the Virginia Mine has submitted a proposed amendment to their existing Plan of Operations. The amendment proposes to expand the Virginia Mine by 1-acre.						
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - BHM, T4S, R5E, SW 1/4, Section 7. The area of the proposed expansion is located approximately 1.4 miles northeast of Pringle, South Dakota.						

Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger D	District (excluding F	R2 - F	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Artemis Restoration Project		management products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/28/2022	Expected:03/2023	04/2023	Scott Albrecht 605-343-1567 scott.albrecht@usda.go v	
	Description:	Description: Removal of poor-formed ponderosa pine from within the 1939 McVey burn area and planting with seedlings from native Black Hills ponderosa pine. The project also proposes activities that would improve the growth, vigor and health of ponderosa pine.					
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=63195				
	Location:						

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Black Hills National Forest My	Black Hills National Forest Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)							
BHEC Mystic Rd. Overhead Powerline Relocation and New Underground Powerline Installation Project	- Special use	management	Completed	Actual: 02/08/2023	02/2023	Dona Warwick 605-343-1567 dona.warwick@usda.go v		
CE *NEW LISTING*	Description: Web Link:	escription: The project proposes to relocate a section of an existing overhead utility line located west of the Mystic Road in rugged terrain, down to the Mystic Road. /eb Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63435						
				001111777 5		N. D. 45		
	Location:		er District. STATE - South Dakota BHM, on National Forest System la					
Cutty Sark Exploration Project	Est. Scoping Start 10/2021 605-					Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us		
	Description:		ses to do surface exploration using shaft. Exploration would be done					
	Location:	,	er District. STATE - South Dakota Section 33. Access to the claim is v	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•	·		
Jenny Gulch Exploration Drilling Project EA	- Minerals ar - Special us	nd Geology e management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/08/2022	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Jonathan Manning 605-673-9200 Jonathan.Manning2@u sda.gov		
	Description: This project includes diamond core drilling at up to 42 drill sites, access road maintenance (as needed), drill pad clearing (as needed), and reclamation activities.							
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=57428					
	Location:	, ,	er District. STATE - South Dakota ons 13, 14, 24, 25, T2N R4E. North		gton. LEGAL - Se	ctions 19, 30, 31,		

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Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project	- Minerals and (Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us			
CE	pi		ously mined placer deposits. Most dequipment; a battery powered rec			here will be one			
	T-	UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R4E, Sections 21 & 22. Six miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota. Access is via State Highway 44 to Forest Service Road 167.							
Westside Vegetation Management EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation ma (other than fore - Fuels manage - Watershed m	est products) ement	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jessica Eggers 605-343-1567 jessica.eggers@usda.g ov			
OFBATEB	tre	Description: Project activities would address forest health and fuels management concerns in the project area. Potential treatment options include prescribed burning, commercial and noncommercial thinning, planting/seeding, and slash treatments.							
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61629								
	A	pplicable. Approxir	er District. STATE - South Dakota mately 140,000-acres on the west s anyon RD south of W. Deerfield Ro	side of the Mystic RD					

Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills R	anger District (ex	R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Chimera Fuels Reduction EA *UPDATED*		management prest products) agement	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/09/2023	Expected:05/2023	07/2023	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov
0.5/1125	Description:		on-commercial harvest of pine to re- forest conditions, enhance hardwood objectives.			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda	.gov/project/?project=61689			
	Location:	UNIT - Northern H The Chimera proje northeastern corne		L - Not Applicable. , SD in the		

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Golden Crest Exploration Drilling EA	- Minerals ar	nd Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov
	Description:		ubmitted a plan of operations to cor area south to the Limestone Plate			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62590			
	Location:		s Ranger District. STATE - South SD, west of Spearfish Canyon, and mestone Plateau.			
HES 123 Easement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use - Road man	e management agement	Completed	Actual: 01/03/2023	02/2023	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Web Link:	would be along NFS maintenance of the	ded by NFS land and qualifies for a SR 152.1C and overland to the proproad. gov/project/?project=62515			
	Location:		s Ranger District. STATE - South illes southeast of Lead, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	- Not Applicable.
Hegg HES 248 FLPMA Road Permit CE	- Special use - Road man	e management agement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2023	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Valerie Jagim 605-642-4622 valerie.jagim@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	Description:		nit would be issued to a private land nile of NFSR 577.1B to allow for ac			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Location:		ls Ranger District. STATE - South niles southeast of Deadwood, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	- Not Applicable.

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Black Hills National Forest No	rthern Hills F	Ranger District (excl	luding Projects occurring in mor	e than one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
MS 1741 Lot H FLPMA Private Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use - Road man	e management agement	Completed	Actual: 01/03/2023	02/2023	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
	Web Link:	across NFS land, w access and mainter http://www.fs.usda.c	gov/project/?project=62519	150 ft. of new road. T	he subsequent per	mit would allow for
	Location:		ls Ranger District. STATE - South les south of Lead, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	- Not Applicable.
Parks NFSR 535.1 Road Use Permit CE	- Special use - Road man	e management agement	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2023	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Toby Aberle 605-642-4622 toby.aberle@usda.gov
NEW LISTING	Description:		quested a long-term road use perm			permit would allow
	Location:		ls Ranger District. STATE - South niles south of Deadwood, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	- Not Applicable.
Pete Lien and Sons Nemo South Exploration Drilling CE	- Minerals and Geology		In Progress: Scoping Start 05/23/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov
	Description:		has submitted a plan of operations ed to search for iron-bearing mater			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62237			
	Location:		ls Ranger District. STATE - South lills Meridian. Approximately 1.5 mi			

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Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills R	anger District (exc	luding Projects occurring in mor	e than one District)	R2 - F	Rocky Mountain Region
Rose Place FLPMA Private Road Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use - Road mana	management agement	Completed	Actual: 01/03/2023	02/2023	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
		without appropriate road.	es multiple parcels of private land a authorizations. A permit would be i			
	Web Link:	•	gov/project/?project=62521			
	Location:		ls Ranger District. STATE - South les southeast of Lead, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	- Not Applicable.
SDN Fiber Optic Installation - Nemo Tower CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/17/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
	Description:		o construct a communication facility le wireless internet to rural areas. L estem.			
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=61808			
	Location:		ls Ranger District. STATE - South vest of Nemo, SD, on National Fore			
SDN Fiber Optic Installation - Phase II CE	- Special use	management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2022	Expected:11/2022	01/2023	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
	Description:		heir fiber optic network to provide h fiber optic line and towers along H			. Phase II of the
	Web Link:	http://www.fs.usda.g	gov/project/?project=62604			
	Location:	Not Applicable. Fibe	ls Ranger District. STATE - South er optic line would be buried within corridor from Hill City to Lead.			

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SDN Fiber Optic Installation - Rochford Tower CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman- Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman- Jasper@usda.gov
	SD to provide inter	installation of a communications to net service to under-served areas.	wer and associated fi	ber optic cable on	NFS near Rochford,
	·	gov/project/?project=62343			
		Ils Ranger District. STATE - South lately east of Rochford, SD, above t			AL - Not
Sleep Hollow Lane Reconstruction CE *NEW LISTING*	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2023	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Brandon Taglioli 307-335-2158 brandon.taglioli@usda.g ov
NEW Elevano		s mile of Sleep Hollow Lane across es, ditches, and lead-off ditches. Thi			
		lls Ranger District. STATE - South miles south of Lead, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	Not Applicable.
Trail 8500 Riparian Area Repairs CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2023	Expected:05/2023	06/2023	Brittany Coupe 605-443-3092 Brittany.Coupe@usda.g ov
NEW LISTING		otorized trail 8500 are located along attle and recreational use. Gabion ba am.			
		Ils Ranger District. STATE - South miles southeast of Lead, SD.	Dakota. COUNTY -	Lawrence. LEGAL	Not Applicable.

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